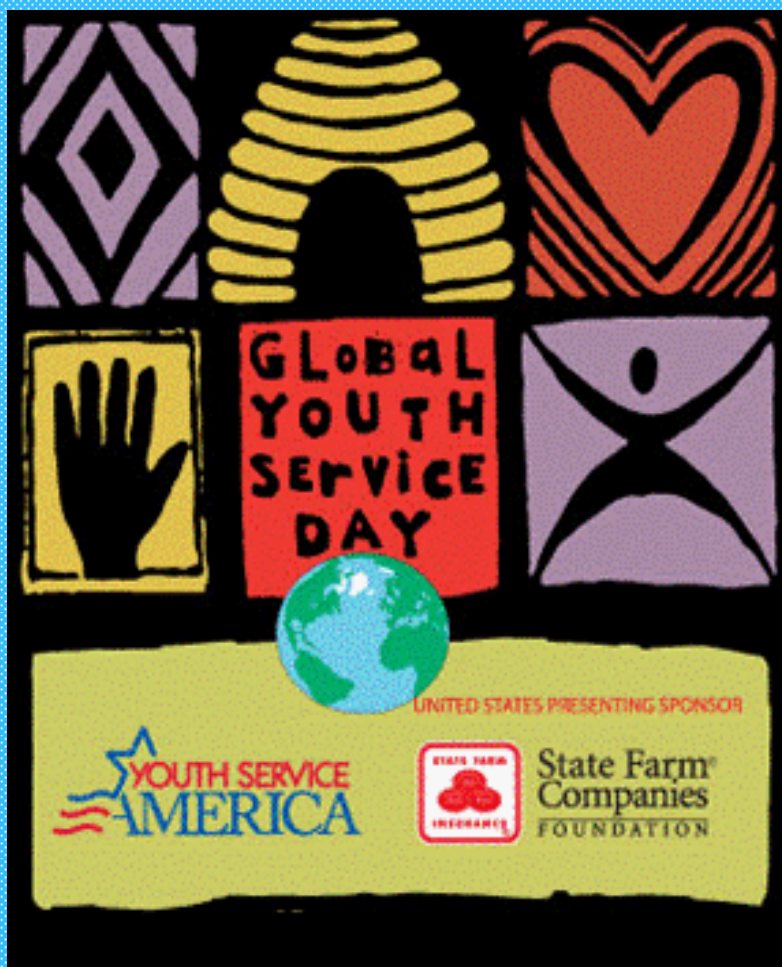




2011 YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

Akron, Ohio



10 N. Main Street, Summa Building
Downtown Akron

21st Annual
Global Youth Service Day
Wednesday, April 13, 2011



City of Akron, Ohio

DONALD L. PLUSQUELLIC, MAYOR

April 20, 2010

Dear Volunteer:

Welcome to the 20th Annual Global Youth Service Day Recognition Program.

Congratulations on being honored today, and thank you for your commitment to serving our community. The many hours you volunteered this last year are a testament to your compassion for others. I am sure that the many individuals you served and the local organizations you partnered with are most appreciative. Your philanthropic work is very encouraging to me, because it demonstrates that so many young people in Akron and Summit County are dedicated to serving others. The future of our community is well-placed in your capable hands.

The City of Akron is pleased to host Global Youth Service Day with its local co-sponsors: U.S. Bank and Subway at Main and Market downtown. I offer my sincerest appreciation to Della McCormick, U.S. Bank District Manager, and to Tina Wells, former Downtown Branch Manager, for their continued support. I also want to recognize and thank our national partners, The United States Conference of Mayors, Youth Service America, *Parade Magazine*, Ford Motor Company, Disney and the 2010 presenting sponsor – State Farm Companies Foundation.

Above all, the real credit goes to parents, teacher, coaches, clergy and many others in our community who positively impact the lives of our young volunteers on a daily basis. Thank you for all you have done to help shape, mentor and positively influence this wonderful class of youth volunteers.

This year we celebrate and recognize the contributions of the more than 100 nominees. It is my great hope that the legacy of your contributions will encourage your peers to give through volunteerism.

Sincerely,

DONALD L. PLUSQUELLIC
Mayor



2011 City of Akron Global Youth Service Day

Tuesday, April 13, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
Akron Summit County Public Library
Main Library, 60 S. High Street, Akron Ohio 44308



Welcome

Billy Soule
Assistant to the Mayor for Community Relations

Invocation

Pastor Samuel Hampton II
First Apostolic Church

Welcome

Mayor Donald L. Plusquellic
City of Akron

Sponsor Welcome

Della McCormick
Vice President & District Manager, U.S. Bank

Volunteer Statement

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City of Akron PeaceMakers

Introduction of 2010 Volunteers

Robert Dowdell and Meia Christian
Global Youth Service Day Committee

Introduction of 2010 Top Volunteers

Inda Blatch-Geib
Global Youth Service Day Committee

Awards Presentation

Mayor Plusquellic, Della McCormick and special guests

Akron PeaceMakers Awards

Willa Keith
Program Coordinator, Akron PeaceMakers

Closing Remarks

Billy Soule

Remarks and Benediction

Pastor Kevin Truex
Gateway Worship Center

A special thank you to the staff of the Mayor's Office, Laurie Hoffman and Terri Kellogg for their many hours of work. To Bruce Ford and Jim Jones of the City of Akron for their technical support. To the City of Akron PeaceMakers for their help in making this evening special for other youth volunteers. And, to David Jennings, Michael Derr and the staff of the Akron-Summit County Public Library.

2011 Nominating Agencies

Akron Area Mabon Festival

Akron Children's Hospital

Akron Civic Theatre

Akron General Medical Center

Akron PeaceMakers

Asian Services in Action, Inc.

Arlington Church of God

John R. Buchtel High School

Christian Fellowship Basketball League

Community Pregnancy Center

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Firestone Park YMCA

Girl Scout Troop # 90358, GSNEO

Hospice of Visiting Nurse Service

Riverfront Family YMCA

Summit County Juvenile Court

Summit County Children Services

Truly Reaching You, Inc.

United Baptist Church

The Village at St. Edward

Voris Community Learning Center YMCA



Volunteer of the Year **(12-13 years old category)**

Maddie Lewis
Firestone Park YMCA

38 hours

Maddie has been volunteering at the YMCA since she was six years old. Her mom was a gymnastics coach and Maddie was always there to help her as well. As Maddie grew, she stopped by to help with children and at our front desk making copies and answering phones. She helped kids in the Child Watch program with their homework and played games with them.

Maddie is polite, friendly and hardworking. She knows all of our members by name and greets them as they come through our doors.

Submitted by: Michele Grubich
Firestone Park - YMCA



Volunteer of the Year **(14-15 years old category)**

Joshua David Johnson
Christian Fellowship Basketball League
750 hours

Joshua works in the CFBL volunteer department. As we prepare for the basketball season, he passes out fliers and registration forms, and makes sure new participants fill out the documents properly. During the season he is a greeter and works at the scoring table and heads up the cleaning crew.

Because of Joshua, full-time workers are able to focus on games being played and time management. He is a role model for other youth who see him as an example of a hard worker. His efforts have led to more youth offering to volunteer. Joshua is determined to do the right thing while helping others.

Submitted by: Rev. Kevin Strickland, Sr.
President



Outstanding Volunteer **(14-15 years old category)**

Min Zaw Oo

Asian Services In Action, Inc.

78 hours



Min Zaw Oo worked daily during (ICEP) the International Community Empowerment Project's summer program. He helped staff with K-5 students with various activities, such as: reading, cultural heritage and sensitivity, arts & crafts, science & math, gym & outdoor play and field trips.

Min Zaw Oo is the consummate role model for other youth and his Karen (Kah Rěn') community. He helps to recruit for the program and acts as an interpreter between staff and parents who speak little or no English.

Min Zaw Oo has only been in this country a few short years. While he has his own challenges in reading and comprehension, he is making transitions to American for his fellow Karen's a much easier task.

Submitted by: Kim Helm
ICEP Coordinator



Volunteer of the Year **(16 years and older category)**

Tré Shawn Griffin

**Akron Civic Theatre &
Akron General Medical Center**

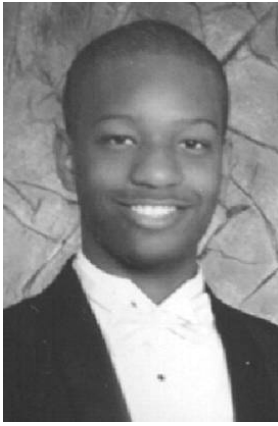
398+ hours



Tre'Shawn is the ultimate volunteer! He was nominated by two different organizations. His volunteerism with the Akron Civic Theatre encompasses working in the theatre as well as at Lock 3 and on projects with the Downtown Akron Partnership. He works during most events and at most venues within the downtown footprint. His volunteerism doesn't stop there. Tre'Shawn has also volunteered at Stan Hywet Hall, for the Roadrunner Marathon, Kid's Fair, the Cuyahoga Scenic Railroad and at the Perkins Stone Mansion.

The second organization nominating Tre'Shawn is Akron General Medical Center. There he works in the discharge transportation department. He is responsible for transporting via wheelchairs, patients from their rooms to waiting vehicles. Tre'Shawn has dedicated more than 270 hours to this most rewarding activity.

Submitted by: Jane Startzman, Akron Civic Theatre &
Lisa Russell, Akron General Medical Center



Outstanding Volunteer (Tie) **(16 years and older category)**

Stephen Campbell
Akron Children's Hospital
104 hours

Stephen is a very capable volunteer. He is willing to help wherever he is needed. He works at our main information desk every other Sunday from noon to 4pm. He answers phones, gives directions, helps families and issues visitor passes. His presence allows staff to focus on other responsibilities within the department. In 2010, he missed just one Sunday and has

volunteered on Christmas – two years in a row.

From the time he was a small child, Stephen's dream was to become a doctor. Next year his will begin is studies at NEOUCOM.

Submitted by: Wendy M. Sawyer
Volunteer Recruiter



Outstanding Volunteer (Tie) **(16 years and older category)**

Hannah Seeman
Hospice of Visiting Nurse Service
30 hours

Hannah is a teen volunteer for Hospice of VNS and a senior athlete at Copley High School. During the summers of 2009 and 2010, she volunteered at Camp Promise assisting children 6-11 who have lost a parent, grandparent or sibling.

She assisted with music activities and various other activities; and also was a friend who listened and talked to them when needed. She embodies the camp's mission that allows children to express and process their grief through play, creativity and bonding. Though Hannah is very active in sports and in school she found time to share her summers to help children deal with their loss.

Submitted by: Teri DeGeorge
Manager Volunteer Services

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2011 Nominated Volunteers

(In alphabetical order)

Marcus Anderson
United Baptist Church
96 Hours

During 2010, Mr. Anderson volunteered over 90 hours in the Church sound booth. He is responsible to record services and copy CDs and also helps with the sound board. Because of Mr. Anderson's dependability, other staff are able to take a break if needed.

Submitted by: Vince Reed
Sound Technician

Carol Boykins
Akron PeaceMakers
50+ Hours



Carol Boykins takes time to participate in various events that give back to the Akron community. For instance, this summer she was involved in the City of Akron's PeaceMaker's "Teen Expo". She helped to organize the event by picking acts for entertainment and setting up games and booths.

Submitted by: Willa Keith
Program Coordinator

Tenishia Brown
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
20+ Hours

Teneisha Brown serves as the treasurer and team leader of the youth group, Delta Gems. She has volunteered over 100 hours coordinating several volunteer activities such as making book-marks for cancer children at Children's Hospital, serving meals at the Haven of Rest, and assisting as a hostess at Buchtel's Black History Program.

Submitted by: Myra Snipes
Coordinator



Denzel Ford
Asian Services in Action, Inc.
65 Hours

Denzel worked at the International Community Empowerment Project's (ICEP) summer 2010 Program. He helped the staff with the students in Grades K-5 with various activities such as: reading, cultural heritage and sensitivity, arts and crafts, science and math, gym and outside play and field trips.

Submitted by: Kim Helms
ICEP Coordinator



Shavando Johnson
John R. Buchtel High School
75 Hours

Shavonda volunteered for an annual walk for success. During this time she spoke with freshman and parents about Project Grad Akron and its benefits. She also volunteered for our Achieving Dreams session and conducted interviews for honorees in Project Grad.

Submitted by: Bambi Hugh
 School Counselor



Courtney Alexis Jones
Arlington Church of God-Children's
30-40 Hours

Ministries

Courtney is a Children's Church helper. She aids the teacher in the classroom by taking attendance, passing out snacks, running errands, and bathroom patrol. She usually works one Sunday a month, but is often called upon for extra help.

Submitted by: Vickie Shaw
 Sunday School & Children's School Coordinator



Keyonne Lewis
YMCA-Voris CLC
108 Hours

Keyonne volunteered as a program and administrative support team member at the YMCA-Voris Community Learning Center every Wednesday and Saturday. He sorted flyers, created documents, filed documents and assisted in supervising the facility.

Jacquelyn Minor
 Director



Jamie Liska
20 Hours
Summit County Children Services

Jamie served as volunteer "elf" in the agency's 2010 Holiday Toy Room Program. This program provides holiday gifts to nearly 1,100 children per year. As an "elf" she escorted caregivers through the Toy Room display, helping the adults select just the right gifts for the children in their care. Jamie was enthusiastic, friendly, helpful and very nurturing as she helped these caregivers who needed our help to provide a brighter holiday for their children.

Submitted by: Patricia Roy
 Community Relations Director

Meghan McCants
Akron PeaceMakers
72 Hours

Meghan currently serves as Vice-President of the Akron PeaceMakers. She directs meetings, volunteers for numerous community organizations, as well as supervising her peers at community service projects. Since 2008, she has missed just one of 65 volunteer opportunities. In 2010, Meghan was chosen as PeaceMaker of the year.

Willa Keith
Program Coordinator

William Pratt
Akron Area Mabon Festival
25 Hours



William staffed the kids craft and activities center at our Akron Area Mabon Festival. He also functioned in the Highland games area and at the water balloon toss. He was vital during the set-up and dismantling stages of the festival production. William also attended the planning meetings for the festival and suggested ideas for new activities.

Submitted by: Adrienne Arrington
Head of Kids Crafts & Activities

Nathaniel Ripley
Summit County Juvenile Court
70+ Hours

Nathaniel was a three year member of the Teen court program. He began as a juror and later moved on to bailiff. He was a great help coordinating the jurors, attorneys and families participating in the hearings. Nathaniel was reliable and took his duties very seriously.

Submitted by: Don Ursetti
Director of Communications

Robert Sheeks
The Village at St. Edwards
30+ Hours



Robert has volunteered at the Village at St. Edwards for two years. During that time Robert entertained our residents by providing transportation to Church and home visits, played cards and served them dinner. He also brought his dog, Sparky along to visit with residents. Because of Robert, a resident's life may have been saved. He alerted others that a woman was choking on candy.

Submitted by: Sister Beatrice Fitzgerald, OP
Activity Assistant/ Spiritual Care

Shannon Shontz
Summit County Children Services
20 Hours

Shannon learned about Summit County Children Services' Holiday Toy Room program and immediately jumped right in. Recruiting a friend and donning "elf" hats they became two great volunteers. Shannon displayed a real understanding of the concerns of clients who were depending on this program to provide holiday gifts for their children. She helped with everything from sorting and displaying toys, managing donor delivered to babysitting children left in the lobby. She volunteered for additional shifts and was able to teach new volunteers what to do.

Patricia Roy
Community Relations Director

Danielle Stokes
Akron PeaceMakers
89 Hours



Danielle provides assistance to the Coordinator of the Akron PeaceMakers during new member orientation, PeaceMakers Teen Expo and during community volunteer events. She assists with administrative duties as well as supervises other PeaceMakers. Danielle is respected among her peers and is steadfast, energetic and hardworking. She doesn't wait to be asked to help, she just jumps in.

Submitted by: Willa Keith
Program Coordinator

Dionna Stokes
Akron PeaceMakers
86 Hours

Dionna currently serves as an executive board member of the PeaceMakers. She has also participated in anti-bullying programs for middle school students and volunteers for numerous community organizations. She is the contact person for the group and serves as their voice on the executive board.

Submitted by: Willa Keith
Program Coordinator

Justin M. Teffner
Riverfront Family YMCA
99 Hours



Justin works in the Riverfront YMCA's youth sports department. He has volunteered countless hours coaching, teaching and refereeing. He is a great person and a great role model for our young athletes. Justin's volunteering of time and energy, helps to shape other boys into responsible young men.

Submitted by: Derek Mercer
Youth & Adult Sports Coordinator

Amy Thielke
Community Pregnancy Center
29+ Hours

Amy volunteers every Thursday from 3 to 4 pm, sorting and cleaning donated baby equipment and toys; and checking and separating donated clothing. She also sends thank you notes to donors and congratulatory cards to mothers of newborns. Amy is always upbeat, smiling and friendly. She is happy to be here and happy to be giving. Amy is a straight-A student and has been since 5th grade. She does this and works 20 hours a week and babysitting. Amy is absolutely, utterly, amazing!

Submitted by: Kathy Brennan
Director Client Services



Caitlin Wewer
Truly Reaching You, Inc.
60 Hours



Caitlin works special events doing community outreach. She created display boards, organized supplies and gifts for Christmas shopping; wrapped few hundred presents, set-up and tore-down, distributed gifts, and worked at the children's craft table. Caitlin replaced many of the functions and responsibilities of our events coordinator who recently moved out of state. She demonstrates great leadership, sensitivity and compassion that make others want to follow her lead.

Submitted by: Perry Clark
Founder & President

Heaven Wortman
Girl Scout Troop # 90358
200+ Hours

Heaven, a senior at East High School, has been a Girl Scout since kindergarten. She currently volunteers to assist a younger troop she helped form 3 to 4 hours per week and has been for the past three years. She helps the girls earn their badges, learn the promise and pledge and supervises at camp and on field trips. She also help to establish the "Christmas Shoebox Campaign," a program that provides hygiene items, gifts, toys, socks and other items to families living in shelters. Heather is currently working toward her Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouting.

Submitted by: Daysha Lawrence
Troop Leader



Edwin Zhang
Asian Services in Action, Inc.
47 Hours



Edwin worked almost daily at the International Community Empowerment Project's (ICEP) Summer Program. He helped staff with students in Grades K-5. He assisted with reading, cultural heritage and sensitivity and a host of other activities. Edwin was willing to do all tasks asked of him and completed them during the three week program.

Kim Helms
ICEP Coordinator

Special Recognition

Rejoice Lutheran Church Youth
Haven of Rest Ministries
168 Hours



Rejoice Lutheran Church Youth Group comes one Saturday a month, setting up, serving and cleaning up for clients lunch. Their job is to serve the entire meal, and afterwards, wipe down tables and chairs. Then they sweep and mop the floor. And, they even fold the laundry. These faithful and dedicated young people have been volunteering here at Haven of Rest for five years.

Submitted by: Jan Pluck
Volunteer Coordinator

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Global Youth Service Day 2010 Personal Volunteer Log



My Name: _____

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Total Volunteer Hours: _____



Proclamation

To The People of Akron:

Whereas: It is our duty as citizens, parents, teachers, clergy, and youth organizations to develop leadership skills and instill character in young people through strong role models, healthy environments and a variety of opportunities; and

Whereas: The City of Akron enthusiastically joins the 20th Annual Global Youth Service Day in partnership with the United States Conference of Mayors, Parade Magazine and many national organizations; and

Whereas: Also joining the effort are these partners: the Points of Light Foundation; National League of Cities; YMCA and YWCA of the USA; Boys and Girls Clubs; the American Red Cross; Youth Volunteers of America and the American Federation of Teachers. Also: U.S. Bank; Subway; and presenting sponsor State Farm Companies Foundation; and

Whereas: The Annual Global Youth Service Day will bring together three million young volunteers to serve their communities through thousands of service projects. We in Akron are extremely proud of the many volunteers we recognize this year.

Now, Therefore: I, Donald L. Plusquellic, Mayor of the City of Akron, Ohio, do hereby proclaim, Tuesday, April 20, 2010, as:

"GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY"

in the City of Akron and congratulate Akron's young volunteers.

In Witness Whereof: I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Akron to be affixed on this 12th day of April, 2010.


Mayor
City of Akron